Clinical study of Bhopal Gas Victims

@1269. SHRI G.G. SWELL : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 15 member Interntaional Medical Commission made a clinical study of the victims of the December 1984 gas explosion in Bhopal and reported that a large number of victims suffer from impaired memory, loss of motor coordination and neuro-toxic changes and the mortality rate was high;

(b) if so, under whose auspices the commission was set up;

(c) whether there will be follow-up action on this report; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) :

(a) to (d) The so-called "International Medical Commission" appears to have been set up by certain individuals. The Government have not received any report from the Commission.

Study on the working of Fertilizer Industry

1270. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that in view of the wide-spread criticism on the working of Fertiliser Industry Coordination Committee, Government have appointed a research organisation to study the working of fertilizer industry;

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers has asked the Marketing Development Research Associates to conduct the study and submit its report by the end of February, 1994;

(c) if so, whether Government have received the report;

(d) if so, what are the main recommendations made; and

(e) what steps are being taken to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (e) Based on the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Fertilizer Pricing, M/s. Marketing and Development Research Associates (MDRA), New Delhi, have been entrusted with a study on the working of the office of the Fertilizer Industry Coordination Committee (FICC). The report of M/s. MDRA has not yet been received.

उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति

1271. **श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी** : क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति (एफ आई सी सी) की कार्य-प्रणाली की जांच करने के लिये किसी अनुसंधान-मूलक संगठन को नियुक्त किया गया है,

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी कारण क्या है,

(ग) इस अनुसंधान मूलक संगठन को उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति तथा रासायनिक उर्वरक उद्योग कौन-कौन से पहलुओं के संबंध में रिपोर्ट तैयार करने का निर्देश दिया गया है, और

(घ) क्या उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति में रसायन उद्योग का भी कोई प्रतिनिधित्व है ?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्डो फ्लेरो) : (क) और (ख) उर्वरक मूल्य निर्धारण संबंधी संयुक्त संसदीय समिति की सिफारिशों के आधार पर उर्वरक उद्योग समन्वय समिति (एफ आई सी सी) के कार्यकरण के अध्ययन का कार्य मै० मार्किटिंग रिसर्च एसोसिएट्स (एम डी आर ए) नईदिल्ली को सौंपा गया है।

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